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1. On 14 March 1955, a ~~member of the GDR Ministry of Traffic~~ ^{member of the GDR Ministry of Traffic} attached to RSD Schwerin checked all loading ramps in the district. The Soviet officer was particularly interested in conditions at the Pritzwalk, Wittstock, Fretzdorf, Netzeband, Neuruppin, Altruppin, Gottberg, Wildberg, Neustadt/Dosse, Friesack, Vietitz, Paulinenaue, Bergerdamm, and Brieselang railroad stations in addition to the railroad station serving the ammunition dump at Wulkow and the spur track to the fuel dump at Radensleben. Another inspection of loading ramps was expected for about 20 March 1955. 1
2. On 16 March 1955, it was learned that the deactivation of Rba No 5, Berlin, was scheduled to be completed by 1 April 1955. 2
3. On 17 March, it was learned at the GDR Ministry of Traffic that coal stocks representing 8-days' requirements for locomotives were to be accumulated by late 1955. 3
4. On 5 March, the following changes in the boundaries of Rba No 1, Berlin, went into effect:

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Old boundary: Strausberg

Present boundary: Berlin-Kaulsdorf

Strausberg railroad station was transferred to Rba No 7

Werneuchen railroad station was transferred to Rba No 7, the present boundary is at Ahrensfelde.

In Berlin, the Berlin-Friedrichstrasse railroad station was the previous boundary. The present boundary is at the Berlin-Nordbahnhof railroad station which was transferred to Rba No 1 from Rba No 6.⁴

5. By 1 April, the area of Rba No 1, Berlin, will be reduced to cover only the area of the city of Berlin. The following railroad line sections were transferred to other Rbas:

The Lichtenberg-Werneuchen railroad line past Ahrensfelde,

The Berlin-Kuestrin railroad line past Kaulsdorf

The Berlin-Journalist's War resident this past winter.

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- c. In connection with a revision of administrative procedures, a special "Bureau of the President" has been set up at RBD Cottbus and all other RBDs in East Germany. The bureau will only be staffed with reliable SED members. In addition to officials in charge of railroad operations and machinery, an employee in charge of timetables for KVP trains has been attached to the bureau. Since 8 March, all KVP requests for transportation space have been handled by this bureau. It is believed that the new "Bureau of the President" will exercise the same functions as the previous "Buero des Bahnbevollmachtigten der RBD" (Railroad Liaison Office). It appears that the new bureau will also settle all accounts for KVP shipments. Previously, these matters were handled by the Passenger Traffic Department.⁷

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Central Cadre Department
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